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In re Application of: GROWCOCK, Frederick et al.

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For: OLEAGINOUS DRILLING FLUID THAT
PRODUCES A USEFUL SOIL AMENDMENT,
METHODS OF USE AND BIO-REMEDIATION
OF THE SAME AND RESULTING SOLIDS

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Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application, Applicant requests the following:

AMENDMENTS:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims in the following manner:

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91 1. (Original) A biodegradable wellbore fluid comprising:
an oleaginous phase substantially composed of a linear paraffin having 11-18 carbon atoms,